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Dear Year R Parents,

As a part of your child's education at Wordsworth Primary, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE is the curriculum subject that helps to give children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives in the local and worldwide community.

It is now a statutory requirement for schools to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online, through PSHE lessons. This will sit alongside the essential understanding of how to be healthy. We understand that parents and carers are the prime educators for children on many of these matters. Our aim is to complement this role, building on what pupils learn at home.

After half term therefore we will be teaching our 'Valuing Difference and Keeping Safe' unit of work. We will begin teaching this in the **week beginning Monday 7th June**.

In the Early Years we start this topic using the 'Talk PANTS campaign.' It teaches children that their private parts are private, their body belongs to them, and that they should always tell an adult if they're upset or worried. This campaign will have already been introduced to the children at Pre School or Nursery.

Talk PANTS centres on five key rules: • Privates are private. • Always remember your body belongs to you. • No means no. • Talk about secrets that upset you. • Speak up, someone can help. Although some parents may feel this is a sensitive area to discuss with their child, we feel that sharing messages such as these with children at an early age can be very beneficial in helping to protect your child. Research from the NSPCC also suggests that the messages are most valuable when taught at a young age. For more information about the campaign go to nspcc.org.uk/pants where there is a **parent's guide**. If you have any further questions or concerns, please address them to your child's class teacher through Tapestry.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dee Payne
Year R Leader

